

This listing of claims will replace the originally filed claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-14 (canceled)

Claim 15 (new): A liquid concentrate preservative which comprises:

- a) 3-iodo-2-propynyl butylcarbamate (IPBC);
- b) at least one liquid carrier; and
- c) at least one stabilizer.

Claim 16 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 15, wherein said concentrate substantially absent of carboxylic acid selected from the group consisting of:

- a) benzoic acid;
- b) propionic acid;
- c) salicylic acid;
- d) sorbic acid;
- e) 4-hydroxybenzoic acid;
- f) dehydroacetic acid;
- g) 10-undecylenic acid; and
- h) the salts thereof.

Claim 17 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 15, wherein the weight of said IPBC comprises from about 0.01% to about 20% of the concentrate's weight.

Claim 18 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 17, wherein said weight comprises up to about 5% of the concentrate's weight.

Claim 19 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 18, wherein said weight comprises up to about 2% of the concentrate's weight.

Claim 20 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 19, wherein said weight comprises up to about 1% of the concentrate's weight.

Claim 21 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 15, wherein said liquid carrier comprises at least one component selected from the group consisting of:

- a) polyvalent alcohols;
- b) glycol esters; and
- c) glycol ethers.

Claim 22 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 21, wherein said polyvalent alcohol is at least one component selected from the group consisting of:

- a) diol;
- b) glycol;
- c) ethylene glycol;
- d) 1,2-propylene glycol;
- e) 1,3-propylene glycol;
- f) 1,2-butylene glycol;
- g) 1,3-butylene glycol;
- h) 1,4-butylene glycol;
- i) 1,2-pentanediol;
- j) 1,3-pentanediol;
- k) 1,4-pentanediol;
- l) 1,5-pentanediol;
- m) glycol ester;
- n) glycol ether;
- o) ethylene glycol;
- p) propylene glycol;
- q) butylene glycol;
- r) diethylene glycol;
- s) triethylene glycol;
- t) polyethylene glycol;
- u) triethylene glycol; and
- v) 1,2-propylene glycol.

Claim 23 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 15, wherein said stabilizer comprises at least one component selected from the group consisting of:

- a) formic acid;

- b) formate salts;
- c) formate esters;
- d) sodium formate;
- e) potassium formate; and
- f) formic acid propylene glycol mono-, diester, and formate esters formed in situ.

Claim 24 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 23, wherein said stabilizer consists of formic acid.

Claim 25 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 15, wherein the weight of said stabilizer comprises from about 0.001% to about 20% of the concentrate's weight.

Claim 26 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 25, wherein said weight comprises up to about 10% of the concentrate's weight.

Claim 27 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 26, wherein said weight comprises up to about 5% of the concentrate's weight.

Claim 28 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 27, wherein said weight comprises up to about 2% of the concentrate's weight.

Claim 29 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 28, wherein said weight comprises less than about 0.5% of the concentrate's weight.

Claim 30 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 29, wherein said weight comprises less than about 0.2% of the concentrate's weight.

Claim 31 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 15, wherein said concentrate further comprises:

- a) at least one active agent;
- b) at least one functional additive; and
- c) at least one auxiliary.

Claim 32 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 31, wherein said active agent is polybiguanide, or a polybiguanide salt.

Claim 33 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 32, wherein the weight of said active agent comprises up to about 20% of the concentrate's weight.

Claim 34 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 33, wherein said weight comprises up to about 5% of the concentrate's weight.

Claim 35 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 34, wherein said weight comprises up to about 2% of the concentrate's weight.

Claim 36 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 35, wherein said weight comprises up to about 1% of the concentrate's weight.

Claim 37 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 31, wherein the weight ratio of IPBC to said active agent ranges from about 100:1 to about 1:100.

Claim 38 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 37, wherein said weight ratio ranges from about 10:1 to about 1:10.

Claim 39 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 38, wherein said weight ratio ranges from about 1:2 to about 2:1.

Claim 40 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 15, wherein the weight of said IPBC comprises less than about 1% of the concentrate's weight and wherein the weight of said active agent comprises less than about 1% of the concentrate's weight.

Claim 41 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 40, wherein said weight of IPBC comprises about 1% of the concentrate's weight and wherein said weight of active agent comprises less than about 1% of the concentrate's weight.

Claim 42 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 41, wherein said weight of IPBC comprises about 1% of the concentrate's weight and wherein said weight of active agent comprises about 0.95% of the concentrate's weight.

Claim 43 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 42, wherein said weight of IPBC comprises less than about 1% of the concentrate's weight and wherein said weight of active agent comprises about 0.95% of the concentrate's weight.

Claim 44 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 15, wherein said concentrate further comprises:

- d) at least one active agent;
- e) at least one functional additive; and
- f) absent an auxiliary.

Claim 45 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 31, wherein said auxiliary comprises water.

Claim 46 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 45, wherein the weight of said water comprises from about 0.01% to about 10% of the concentrate's weight.

Claim 47 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 46, wherein said weight comprises up to about 5% of the concentrate's weight.

Claim 48 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 47, wherein said weight comprises up to about 4.5% of the concentrate's weight.

Claim 49 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 48, wherein said weight comprises up to about 4% of the concentrate's weight.

Claim 50 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 49, wherein said weight comprises up to about 0.2% of the concentrate's weight.

Claim 51 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 31, wherein said active agent comprises a paraben.

Claim 52 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 51, wherein said paraben is selected from the group consisting of: methyl-, ethyl-, propyl- and butylparaben.

Claim 53 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 31, wherein said active agent comprises a quaternary ammonium compound.

Claim 54 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 53, wherein said quaternary ammonium compound is polyhexamethylenebiguanide, or the salt thereof.

Claim 55 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 31, wherein said active agent comprises a salt.

Claim 56 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 55, wherein said salt is at least one component selected from the group consisting of:

- a) benzalkonium salt;
- b) benzalkonium chloride;
- c) formaldehyde;
- d) formaldehyde-depositing compound;
- e) dimethyldimethylhydantoin (DMDMH);
- f) imidazolidinylurea;
- g) diazolidinylurea;
- h) hexetidine;
- i) 5-bromo-5-nitro-1,3-dioxane (bronidox);
- j) 2-bromo-2-nitro-1,3-propanediol (bronopol);
- k) 1,3,5,7-tetraazaadamantane (hexamethylenetetramine);
- l) 4,4-dimethyl-1,3-oxazolidine;
- m) benzyl alcohol hemiformal;
- n) 5-ethyl-1-aza-3,7-dioxabicyclo[3.3.0]octane;
- o) 1-(3-chloroallyl)-3,5,7-triaza-1-azoniaadamantane chloride;
- p) phenoxyethanol;
- q) phenoxypropanol and;
- r) benzyl alcohol; and
- s) the salts thereof.

Claim 57 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 31, wherein said active agent comprises a halogen compound.

Claim 58 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 57, wherein said halogen compound is dibromodicyanobutane (DBDCB).

Claim 59 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 31, wherein said active agent comprises an amidine compound.

Claim 60 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 59, wherein said amidine compound is at least one component selected from the group consisting of:

- a) hexamidine;
- b) dibromohexamidine; and
- c) the salts thereof.

Claim 61 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 31, wherein said active agent comprises isothiazolone.

Claim 62 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 61, wherein said isothiazolone is N-methylisothiazolone, or N-octylisothiazolone.

Claim 63 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 31, wherein said active agent comprises at least one component selected from the group consisting of:

- a) paraben;
- b) quaternary ammonium compound;
- c) benzalkonium salt;
- d) halogen compound;
- e) amidine compound; and
- f) isothiazolone.

Claim 64 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 63, wherein said paraben comprises at least one component selected from the group consisting of: methyl-, ethyl-, propyl-, and butylparaben.

Claim 65 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 63, wherein said quaternary ammonium compound is polyhexamethylene biguanide, or the salt thereof.

Claim 66 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 63, wherein said benzalkonium salt is at least one component selected from the group consisting of:

- a) benzalkonium chloride;
- b) formaldehyde;
- c) formaldehyde-depositing compound;
- d) dimethyldimethylhydantoin (DMDMH);
- e) imidazolidinylurea;
- f) diazolidinylurea;
- g) hexetidine;
- h) 5-bromo-5-nitro-1,3-dioxane (bronidox);
- i) 2-bromo-2-nitro-1,3-propanediol (bronopol);
- j) 1,3,5,7-tetraazaadamantane (hexamethylenetetramine);
- k) 4,4-dimethyl-1,3-oxazolidine;
- l) benzyl alcohol hemiformal;
- m) 5-ethyl-1-aza-3,7-dioxabicyclo[3.3.0]octane;
- n) 1-(3-chloroallyl)-3,5,7-triaza-1-azoniaadamantane chloride;
- o) phenoxyethanol;
- p) phenoxypropanol;
- q) benzyl alcohol; and
- r) the salts thereof.

Claim 67 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 63, wherein said halogen compound is dibromodicyanobutane (DBDCB).

Claim 68 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 63, wherein said amidine compound, is at least one component selected from the group consisting of:

- a) hexamidine;
- b) dibromohexamidine; and

c) the salts thereof.

Claim 69 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 63, wherein said isothiazolone is N-methylisothiazolonem, or N-octylisothiazolone.

Claim 70 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 15, wherein a process for the preparation of a concentrate comprises mixing constituents of the concentrate.

Claim 71 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 70, wherein said mixture is subsequently held after mixing for about 0.5 hour to about 48 hours at a temperature from about 30°C to about 70°C.

Claim 72 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 71, wherein said temperature ranges from about 30°C to about 60°C.

Claim 73 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 72, wherein said temperature ranges from about 30°C to 50°C.

Claim 74 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 15, wherein said concentrate may be utilized for the preparation of cosmetic and pharmaceutical products.

Claim 75 (new): The concentrate according to Claim 15, wherein said concentrate may be utilized for the preservation of cosmetic and pharmaceutical products.